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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, Applicants submit herewith information which may be material to the examination of the above-captioned application.

Specifically, the information comprises references that have become known to Applicants and their attorneys. Those references are listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the foreign patent documents are attached.

It is respectfully requested that these references be fully considered in their entirety, and that the references be made of record in the above-captioned application. It is also respectfully

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requested that the Examiner initial in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the foreign Office Action dated October 14, 2005 is enclosed.

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Conclusion

It is believed that all provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 have been complied with, and consideration of these references is most respectfully requested.

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